

FROM THE FIELD.

Virginia Notes.

Bro. McFadden's compliment in speaking of the recently elected minister of this congregation, is appreciated. My health has been poor for some time. At times after I have been in conversation with friends for a few hours, I can scarcely speak that I am so hoarse. In taking into consideration the qualities for a minister more than one point should be considered. I am quite willing to do what I can to further the cause of Christ and for the salvation of souls, and I will endeavor to encourage a spirit to work and to do what I can in this christian warfare. I love to work in the service of the Master, and I find the way of truth and righteousness pleasant and highly desirable, but I think preaching should be done by those who can do it.

Bro. Shaver has been the recipient of a beautiful present. It is the gift of Eld. J. G. Snyder and family, Roaring Springs, Pa.

It is my opinion that Paradise is where God is, at least there is where my soul longs to go when it leaves this earthly house.

Bro. Jerrold, of Philadelphia, is here preaching and doing a good work. He has had several conversions and more are expected. I have not been able to get to hear him, but judging from his work near Roanoke he is a power in the pulpit. A paper speaks of him as having a large heart. This is true spiritually and physically.

Everything is pleasant in the church work here, so far as I know, and I hope there will be no contentions among us. I would like to see more push and spiritual zeal manifested. We ought to do as much work for the church and for God as we do in our secular affairs.—That is if we expect the salvation of our souls. If we expect success in any secular affair, we give it a reasonable share of our attention; if we do not we fail. So it is if we would succeed in having our souls saved, we must work out our salvation.

GEO. A. COPP.

Milford, Ind.

Since my work began here we have been vacillating between the extremities of fever heat and arctic frigidity. As for miracles we have performed none. But to say that our work has been a failure would not be fair. The church has gotten over her first love and is now becoming more considerate in her work. Our services are growing in numbers and in interest. Internally we are having a better quality of fellowship and God is smiling pleasantly upon us again. His grace has been copiously showered upon us. The clouds of discouragement are passing away and we are again permitted to bask in the sunshine of God's love.

Our "Harvest Meeting" was a pleasant one. Amid the cool though gentle zephyrs, poetically speaking, in Bro. Tom's grove. Bro. L. W. Ditch, of South Bend delivered two powerful sermons. They were "to the point" and "struck" us so hard that some wondered whether I had "posted" him. I did not. Think it was providential. Bro. Ditch is conscientious and wields the

sword skilfully and without fear. We had made no great preparations for our meeting and hence came together without over work to enjoy it which I believe all did. A sale one half mile away lessened the crowd somewhat; but nevertheless we had a good substantial crowd. In the evening we held services in the church. Bro. George Neff of Bristol was present and aided in prayer.

Until recently we used Bro. George Dubbs' organ, but at our last quarterly business meeting steps were taken to procure a new one. Solicitors were sent out and soon the money was pledged. Now a neat, sweet-toned, substantial Burdett organ graces the church and everybody is pleased with the instrument. It is a credit to the maker, and Bro. Gilkinson, the janitor, is as proud of it as a boy with his first bowie knife.

Since harvest time is past our prayer meetings are growing. Come, brethren and sisters, the prayer meeting is a good place to seek and continue in the grace of God. For spiritual development the prayer service is a grand auxiliary to the church.

NEW PARIS.

For a while we held services in the Evangelical church, but for some reason or other we were notified to discontinue our meetings. This we did promptly. Dr. Eisenbeis offered his hall, and for about two months we have been holding services there. Here our meetings are growing larger at every service and good attention is given to the preached word.

The members here are faithful and enthusiastic. They have made arrangements to hold a Harvest Meeting. The meeting will be held Sunday September 9th. If we have a fair day a large crowd may be expected. Everybody is invited. Bring your baskets with plenty to eat and enjoy a day with us. New Paris is six miles north of Milford.

NAPPANEE.

To say that here our services are growing in interest may seem somewhat repetitious. But let it sound that way, it is not a sin to have a good cause to flourish in several places at the same time. At our last regular meeting two more united with us.

Here we have a union Sunday School which has enrolled about one hundred and seventy five or two hundred scholars. Bro. D. M. Best, attorney at law, is the superintendent. He was baptized in May and is very zealous in the work. God is blessing him.

Without any pomposity of words or graces of rhetoric the simple fact is, we are marching on.

ASHLAND UNIVERSITY.

First the larvæ then the butterfly and then the silk-worm. First Ashland College then Ashland University and next, pay for it. University sounds rather profound; but I think we can get used to it. We can endure this better than being without a College. Now let everybody come forward and give a tremendous pull. Put off your sighing until after you have done your duty. Don't sigh until you have done something to sigh over. At Milford we are making an effort to assist the University. Think we have about sixty dollars in addition to what has formerly been sent in and at our business meet-

ing which come Sept. 1st, we will try to swell the amount.

A. A. COBER.

Chronicles.

My work has been deterred by sickness and therefore have not had much news to chronicle for some time, but I feel middling well again and will try to resume my work, for surely the harvest is plentiful. Many are the calls that are now coming in for revival work. O that I had the time and talent to work more effectively in the Master's field. We have an invitation to go to Illinois, to a locality where, it is said, the people are very clever, but they have no religious meetings of any kind. The gentleman who is calling, "says we are nearly starving for the bread of life, and I am willing to help a missionary who will come to us and preach the gospel. I will warrant you good congregations, and I think you could build up a church in our country."

I went from New Enterprise to College Corner to fill my regular monthly appointment on the 25th ult., but missed connection at North Manchester and could therefore not reach the appointment on that evening, but was on hand for the morning service Sunday morning the 26th. Had a fair congregation, but not so large as it would have been had it not been for the disappointment on the previous evening, but the house was full to overflowing in the evening. The congregation was very quiet inside the house, but there was some confusion outside. Some young fellows that are called "Conservatives' boys" have for some time been in the habit of coming about the doors of the church after the services begin, and with loud talk, laughter and some times making noise on harps, etc., annoy the congregation and when any one rises to speak to them they raise a tantalizing laugh and run off. I am very much inclined to the opinion that they will stumble against a little section of the civil law some of these times.

At the close of the evening service we gave the usual invitation and three responded. Two came from the German Baptist church and one from the world. I hope the Brethren at College will continue to march forward in the cause of right and will not forget God who is blessing them so nicely with frequent additions of the very best of people in the country.

J. H. SWIHART.

Brighton, Indiana.

Bro. Wm. W. Summers came here August 25th, and we met in the Lexington free church to listen to him. On the following day, Sabbath the 26, we met at the Brighton Chapel for dedicatory service, at half past ten. By two o'clock the house was dedicated to God, and the debt of \$880 reduced to \$140. We expect to get the house clear of debt before 1889. We feel very grateful towards Bro. Summers for the noble work he done. May God bless him, and all those that were charitable in helping to defray the expense. Many of the different sects came to our rescue in this work.

If any of the brethren should pass through here, they are heartily invited to stay with us, especially the ministering brethren.

We now have a house of our own. Next Lord's Day, the first Sabbath School will be held in the new house. We also move our social meetings there. Heretofore we had them in our dwellings.

Bro. Summers will preach for us in eight weeks. After the holidays we expect to have preaching often. We would like to have some minister move among us.

E. L. HORNER.

Blanco, Pa.

At the regular appointment at the Mahoning Furnace Brethren church, there was a choice held for a minister on the 26th ult., which resulted in the choosing of Bro. Daniel J. Hetrick, to fill the important, and responsible office. Elder Robert Whitacre of the Cowanshannoc congregation assisted in the ordination services. May God bless Bro. Hetrick, and make him instrumental in doing much good in the world. I pray God may bless Bro. Whitacre and Bro. Nathaniel White, who were both from our home congregation.

J. B. WAMPLER.

Johnstown, Pa.

Aug. 30.—The church here held a council last evening, preparatory to convention work, in which committees were appointed as follows: Committee of arrangements; committee on reception and entertainment; committee on R. R. rates, etc.

I write this to be as a reminder of the convention, that persons interested may surely take the precaution to be prepared to attend. Come! Let us have a good time together and be stimulated to earnest work in the Sunday School and church, and thus glorify God.

Bro. Albert Trent is chairman of committee on R. R. rates and also of reception and entertainment and will no doubt give due notice of rates and directions. Come! come!

R. Z. REPLOGLE.

36 Potts St.

Aleppo, Pa.

We are still doing the best that we can. Our Sunday school is progressing finely under the superintendency of Bro. Geo. Murry, our average attendance being nearly one hundred. Last Sunday I preached at the Baptist church at Ryerson station; after preaching we went to the water side and baptized Solomon Booher who is in his 80th year, and had never made any profession of religion. He seemed to rejoice that he was permitted to enter the vineyard even at the eleventh hour.

I expect to go to Washington county, the first Saturday in September to fill Bro. Hilderbrand's appointments.

We expect to commence a protracted meeting the first Saturday evening in October and continue over three Sundays. Bro. Hilderbrand will preach for us. Our communion meeting will be near the close of the meeting. Time not set. All are invited.

J. M. MURRAY.

The afflicted will be glad to learn that Dr. Brumbaugh has reduced the price of his medicine to \$1.00 per bottle pint pannel. No doubt his present great demand will be largely increased. See his advertisement in this paper.

OUR CHURCH.

Bro. Mason was on the sick list last week.

The Brighton, Ind., church has been dedicated.

Bro. Brown will preach for the Bear Creek church another year.

Bro. V. E. Wampler informs us that he expects to be in Ashland this week.

A communion was held at the Miamisburg church, this state, last Saturday night.

Sister Mary Sterling is preparing a lecture for use in the Sister's Endeavor work.

Eld. S. A. Leedy, of Montevallo, Mo., is now visiting the scenes of his former home in Knox Co., Ohio.

The brethren in Pennsylvania are making preparations for the State Convention, at Johnstown, and the prospects are good for a successful meeting.

Bro. Kilhefner returned from West Independence the first of last week. He reports that the good work is moving on—but there is much sickness in that locality.

On Sunday evening, Aug. 19th, Bro. J. A. Palmer preached his closing sermon at Sidney, Ind., to a crowded house. He remained with them sixteen months.

Sister Lovina Rook, of West Independence, Ohio, church, died and was buried on the 4th of September. Brother Kilhefner preached her funeral. She was a cousin to the manager of this paper.

Bro. Roberts, of Philadelphia, says, The church is in a prosperous condition; this is our hard season of the year—the one that Satan fits up specially for in the shape of seaside and country trips on Sunday; but our members have done very well indeed.—E. W. Roberts.

The Brethren of the North Solomon Valley Church expect to hold their communion feast on Saturday, Sept. 22, at Portis, Osborn Co., Kansas. A general invitation is extended, and ministering brethren are especially invited, by order of the church. G. J. Walters, Downs, Kansas.

Bro. W. C. Perry is getting a good knowledge of the Brethren church in Indiana. Recently he visited Tiosa, last Saturday he was at Indian Creek, near Goshen and his time is now wholly taken up. He expects soon to settle down to permanent work. We are pleased to know. In him the church has one of her truest and most faithful ministers for the future. His life preaches as well as his mouth.

The Brethren of Campbell church will hold a communion meeting on the 27th day of September, 1888, service commencing at 2 o'clock. We extend a general invitation to all those that can, to come and be with us. Especially would we be glad for some ministerial help. Any one intending to come from a distance will please notify the writer and there will be conveyances from the railroad to the place of meeting—George Clum, Campbell, Mich.

Bro. Bashor, in writing from Longmont, Colorado says:

I will leave here in a few days for the Medicine Bow Range of Mountains, where, in company with two or three others, I will remain several weeks. Will get back in time to go east and begin meetings at New Virginia, Iowa, not later than the 15 or 18th of October. Perhaps earlier in the month. In the meantime all mail addressed to me at this point will be held by my wife and reach me on my return.

There was an error in the announcement of Bro. DeBolt's marriage in these items. Miss Nellie Raymond was the happy bride. Bro. G. W. DeBolt, is the honored pastor of the Carleton, Neb., Brethren church, and

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